



## Mary Ruth Robinson Nickell

November 1, 1931 - July 25, 2019

Mary Ruth Robinson Nickell passed away July 25, 2019 at Alive Hospice in Nashville from complications of a stroke. She was 87.

Born in Lenoir City, Tennessee, a daughter of Nelle Lebow and Samuel Doyle Robinson, she graduated from Lenoir City High School in 1949. Thereafter, she attended Andrew Jackson Business College in Nashville, returning home to a secretarial position at First Baptist Church, where she met a handsome young ministerial student, Joseph Travis Nickell. They married in 1952, and thus began her journey with him, supporting his ministerial calling, as he earned degrees from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. Their moves would take them to serve churches in Memphis, Tennessee; Monticello, Kentucky; Crossville, Tennessee; and, finally, Maryville, Tennessee, where they chose to stay in retirement.

When her children reached school age she worked as a library aid in the Cumberland County School System, then upon relocating to Maryville, in The College of Education at The University of Tennessee.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 61 years, Joseph Travis Nickell, her parents, and by brothers Elwood, Glenn, Carl, Jim, Joe, Jack, and a sister Agnes.

She is survived by her sons, Tim and wife, Pat, of Franklin, Tennessee, Mark and his wife, Kaye, also of Franklin, and daughter LuAnne Nickell Prevost of Knoxville, Tennessee, eight grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, August 3, 2019 at Fairfield Baptist Church in Centerville, Tennessee, at 12:00 P.M., with receiving of friends beginning at 11:00 A.M. Interment will follow at the Charles L. Nickell Memorial Park which is adjacent to the church. Her grandchildren and great-grandchildren will serve as Pallbearers.

Memorials may be made to The Pat Summitt Foundation, 520 W. Summit Hill Drive, Suite 1101, Knoxville, TN 37902, to help fight Alzheimer's disease.

# Cemetery Details

## Charles L Nickell Memorial Park

Centerville, TN 37033

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 3. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Fairfield Baptist Church  
1863 Hwy 100 E  
Centerville, TN 37033

## Funeral Service

AUG 3. 12:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ I knew both Mary and Joe for many wonderful years and I miss them both tremendously. They were friends of mine through our membership in the Tennessee Society Sons of The Revolution. Great People! Dynamic Christians! My family was blessed to know them. Our prayers are with Mary's family at this time of sorrow.

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**Terry Davenport** - July 30, 2019 at 10:26 PM

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“ To know Mary was to love her, and recognize her warmth, intelligence, and great sense of humor. She was a woman ahead of her time in a lot of ways. She was truly a beautiful person. I'm glad my life intersected with hers that I could know her. My deepest sympathy to her family. She is with Joe again, and no doubt overjoyed.

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**Kim Pryor Trussell** - July 30, 2019 at 08:07 PM

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“ We send our condolences and our love to you all. 💙💙  
Cindy & Randy

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**Randy Moore** - July 28, 2019 at 04:53 PM

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“ Mary and Joseph Nickell, two of the finest people I have ever known.  
Emily Cooper Hatfield

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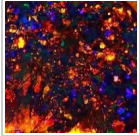
**Emily Hatfield** - July 28, 2019 at 07:34 AM

GS

“ Oh, what a precious lady. I am in ND and will be here until the 5th, so won't be at the service. Know you will all be in my thoughts and prayers. Joe and Mary have been so special to me for many years. They're together again! Love you! Gail Smothers

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**Gail Smothers** - July 28, 2019 at 12:36 AM



“ I only spoke with Aunt Mary Ruth a few times the past few years, but when we had the reunions when I was young, it seems my clearest memory of her was that she was always smiling and waiting on people. Whenever I heard anyone say "Mary Ruth", I would think of her smile. Bless you, all.

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**Cristie Mayor** - July 27, 2019 at 11:33 PM